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Sir:

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- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s) \_\_\_\_\_, and/or
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5. ☐ Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:

6. ☐ Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.

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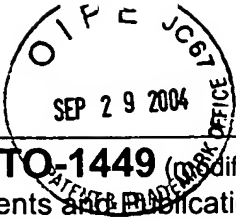
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GROUP: 3626**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		4733354	3/1988	Potter et al.			
		4874693	11/1989	Bogart			
		5622171	4/1997	Asada et al.			
		5687716	11/1997	Kaufmann et al.			
		5724983	3/1998	Selker et al.			
		5736330	4/1998	Fulton			
		5802327	9/1998	Hawley et al.			
		5937387	8/1999	Summerell et al.			
		5981180	11/1999	Chandler et al.			
		6046807	4/2000	Chandler			
		6057107	5/2000	Fulton			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	A1	93/02360	2/1993	WO			
	A2	97/14028	4/1997	WO			
	A3	98/21562	5/1998	WO			
	A4	98/35609	8/1998	WO			
	A5	98/59233	12/1998	WO			
	A6	99/19515	4/1999	WO			
	A7	99/36564	7/1999	WO			
	A8	99/37814	7/1999	WO			
	A9	99/52708	10/1999	WO			
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